

Agricultural Research Centres at district Headquarters

2885. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up research centres for agriculture at some district Headquarters of the different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the facilities being provided to the farmers by these centres; and

(d) the details of the working of such research centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 261 Farm Science Centres commonly called Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in various districts. The State-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) The activities of KVKs include technology evaluation and impact assessment on the farmer's fields through on-farm testing and frontline demonstrations, training of farmers on modern agricultural technology, and training of extension personnel for further dissemination of technology to the farmers.

(d) During the last one year, the activities of the KVKs were as follows:

- 14,646 training programmes benefiting 2.45 lakh farmers, 0.48 lakh rural youths and 0.29 lakh extension personnel.

- Extension programmes including Kisan melas (209), field days (1019), kisan goshies (903), film shows (616), exhibitions (208), TV & Radio talk (2256) etc.

- 24,970 frontline demonstrations covering 8,450 ha.

- Production of 2510 tonnes of quality seeds and 17.44 lakh seedlings/saplings.

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Statement

Number of KVKs in different States/Union Territories

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of KVKs			
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	17.	Madhya Pradesh	16
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16	18.	Maharashtra	23
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	19.	Manipur	1
4.	Assam	4	20.	Meghalaya	1
5.	Bihar	16	21.	Mizoram	2
6.	Chhattisgarh	4	22.	Nagaland	1
7.	Delhi	1	23.	Orissa	12
8.	Goa	1	24.	Pondicherry	2
9.	Gujarat	10	25.	Punjab	10
10.	Haryana	12	26.	Rajasthan	31
11.	Himachal Pradesh	8	27.	Sikkim	1
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	4	28.	Tamil Nadu	16
13.	Jharkhand	5	29.	Tripura	2
14.	Karnataka	11	30.	Uttar Pradesh	28
15.	Kerala	9	31.	Uttaranchal	2
16.	Lakshadweep	1	32.	West Bengal	9
TOTAL					261

Oilseeds production

2886. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present level of oilseeds production is sufficient to meet the demands of the country;

(b) if not, what are the details of the efforts being made to increase the production of oilseeds;

(c) the production of oilseeds during the last three years; and

(d) the demand of oilseeds during the above period?